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SUBJECT: SWEDISH VIEWS ON CSCE/BELGRADE

1. IN DISCUSSION WITH DEPARTMENT CSCE OFFICER DECEMBER
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29, SWEDISH MFA POLITICAL DIRECTOR LEIFLAND REVIEWED
SWEDISH ATTITUDES TOWARD BELGRADE MEETINGS. NOTEWORTHY
POINTS MADE BY LEIFLAND FOLLOW:
A. SWEDES ARE IN AGREEMENT WITH WESTERN CONCEPT OF
BELGRADE MEETING AS PRIMARILY CONCERNED WITH REVIEW
OF IMPLEMENTATION. SWEDES FORESEE A SMALL NUMBER OF

NEW PROPOSALS BUT HOPE TO PRECLUDE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW GENEVA-STYLE NEGOTIATION IN BELGRADE, WHICH COULD LAST FOR MANY MONTHS IF A LONG LIST OF NEW PROPOSALS MUST BE NEGOTIATED.

B. SWEDES ARE VERY INTERESTED IN PRESENTING IN BELGRADE A PROPOSAL FOR A "CODE OF CONDUCT" FOR TREATMENT OF OBSERVERS INVITED TO ATTEND MILITARY MANEUVERS UNDER CSCE CBMS. LEIFLAND COMPLAINED ABOUT SOVIET TREATMENT OF OBSERVERS, WHICH MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO UNDERSTAND WHAT WAS GOING ON, AND PRAISED NORWEGIAN TREATMENT. HE EXPRESSED VIEW THAT PROPOSAL ON OBSERVER TREATMENT STOOD BEST CHANCE OF SUCCESS OF ANY NEW CBM IDEAS. LEIFLAND ALSO SAID SWEDES HAD REJECTED IDEA OF SEEKING CHANGES

IN PARAMETERS OF CBM ON NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR MILITARY MANEUVERS, WHICH THEY CONCLUDED WERE NOT FEASIBLE IN BELGRADE. SWEDES REMAIN INTERESTED IN A CBM ON NOTIFICATION OF MILITARY MOVEMENTS BUT RECOGNIZE DIFFICULTIES THIS IDEA POSES.

C. SWEDES HAVE ACCEPTED YUGOSLAV INVITATION TO MEET IN BELGRADE JANUARY 29-31 WITH NEUTRAL AND NONALIGNED CSCE PARTICIPANTS. SWEDES EXPECT YUGOSLAVS AND MALTESE TO PRESS AT THAT TIME FOR NEUTRAL SUPPORT FOR AN EXPANDED MEDITERRANEAN DIMENSION IN THE CSCE FOLLOW-UP MEETINGS. SWEDES ARE RELUCTANT TO SEE EXPANDED MEDITERRANEAN ROLE AND WILL DISCOURAGE YUGOSLAVS AND OTHER NONALIGNED PARTICIPANTS FROM PURSUING THIS IDEA. LEIFLAND SAID SWEDES WOULD INFORM US EMBASSY IN STOCKHOLM OF RESULTS
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OF NNA MEETING, IN VIEW OF OUR INTEREST.

D. LEIFLAND SAID SWEDES EXPECT SOVIET CSCE EXPERT MENDELEVITCH TO VISIT STOCKHOLM SHORTLY AND ANTICIPATE THAT HE WILL ATTEMPT TO DISSUADE SWEDES FROM PURSUING CBM IDEAS FOR BELGRADE. (WE WILL BE INTERESTED IN A READ-OUT ON MENDELEVITCH VISIT WHEN SWEDES ARE PREPARED TO PROVIDE ONE.)

E. LEIFLAND EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH CLOSE WORKING RELATIONS WITH EMBASSY STOCKHOLM ON CSCE MATTERS AND HOPED THIS WOULD CONTINUE IN MONTHS LEADING UP TO BELGRADE.
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